

REMARKS

Please take notice that accompanying this Amendment and Remarks is a Revocation of Prior Powers of Attorney and Appointment of New Power of Attorney, executed by the assignee of the entire interest in the application, and appointing the undersigned, with others in his firm, as agent and attorney for the assignee to transact all business before the Patent and Trademark Office relating to the present application. Entry of same is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 - 55 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1 - 55 are allowed. Applicants amend claim 48 to correct a typographical error. Specifically, the claim language "discharging switches switches" has been replaced by "discharging switches" in claim 48 (e) and (f). No new matter is added. Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendment after allowance pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, and request issuance of the present application.

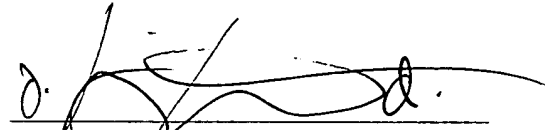
In response to the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, at pages 2 - 3 of the NOA, Applicants respectfully comment that the claims are allowable for features they recite, singularly and/or in combination. Additional features and combinations thereof, beyond those mentioned in the NOA, are not found or suggested in the prior art. The dependent claims are patentable for at least the same reasons as the respective independent claims and for the additional features recited therein.

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Should the Examiner believe that there are any other outstanding issues before issuance of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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